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Fifteen Years of Doing The 'Impossible'

800 Attend Anniversary Gala

Addressing the 800 guests who had helped in "great ways and small" Governor Thomas Kean remembered when "they said it couldn't be done." The "It" he referred to was the establishment of quality infant day care in Newark along with attractive safe well-designed housing for its low-income residents. In fifteen years there have been so many firsts for New Community and Babyland he told his audience, that the axiom no longer surfaces in conversation. He called Newark the city of hopes and dreams, dreams which many skeptics said would never come true, but which are now in fact becoming a reality. "We're talking about something that happened for once because everybody got together — because all segments said together 'this is good' and all contributed something."

The Governor's own contribution was a very vital one, when as an assemblyman from another district he pushed the state to set up infant day-care standards necessary to ensure the qualification of Babyland for funding.

The need for cooperation of people in government, people in business and people from the community — both cities and suburbs — was cited

by several speakers that evening as vital to the past success of Babyland and New Community, as well as to any future progress by the two organizations.

"When people get together — people from the community get together with businesses in the community — when suburbs get together with cities, when black get together with white, THAT is when the miracles occur. That is when the miracles can happen," Kean told the large group attending.

A look around emphasized his point as people from each group mentioned, filled the room to overflowing.

In reminding people that a society is judged by how they care for their youngest, their oldest and their poorest, he spotlighted the importance of the efforts of New Community and Babyland whose "reason for being" is wrapped up completely in caring for these very individuals.

Turning his focus to children, Kean reminded those trying to form public policy or "almost shake the world" that the small details of daily existence are what really matter to children. "A child's whole world is made up of food, and shelter, and love, and learning, and there are too many children in the world who don't get

even these minimum necessities," he told them. His quote from Albert Camus in this regard concerning suffering children and our responsibility to lesson that suffering posed the question, "If we don't do this, who will?"

The speakers for the evening were

an outstanding example of the cooperation which all mentioned at some point as necessary to success in working for defenseless people.

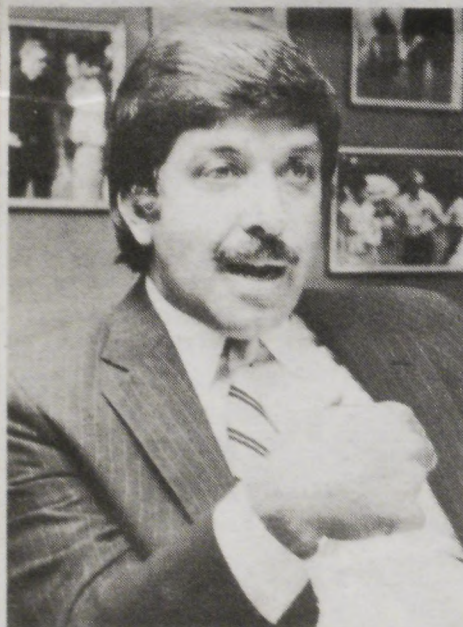
Robert A. Beck, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Prudential Insurance Company did an ex-

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A HAPPY 15th. Appearing at the Gala Ball, master of ceremonies Robert A. Beck, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the Prudential Insurance Company of America; the Honorable Thomas H. Kean, Governor of New Jersey; Ms. Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland Nursery, Inc. and Treasurer of New Community Corporation; Rev. William J. Linder, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, Newark.

Commissioner of Department of Human Services Visits New Community and Babyland



Shortly after he had been appointed commissioner of the Department of Human Services in March 1982, George J. Albanese had heard the names of New Community and Babyland pop up from time to time, along with a suggestion that these rather outstanding examples of well designed housing and well run day care should be seen. His interest raised by the enthusiasm of those recommending this first hand look, he decided to pay us a visit on September 29th.

He was pleased with what he experienced.

Greeted at Babyland III by Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland, Matthew Reilly, NCC Director of Development and Rev. William J. Linder, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, the commissioner's

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Nostalgia Surrounds Gala Ball

An unusual flurry of activity turned heads around in downtown Newark the night of the 15th Anniversary Gala Ball, held by New Community and Babyland.

It was not an ordinary night.

Women in graceful long gowns and tuxedo-clad men arrived by the hundreds at the Quality Inn - Park Place. They were welcomed by polite and smiling valets waiting to park their cars.

Once inside guests were guided to

areas decorated with sparkling ice sculptures surrounded by picturesque displays of hors d'oeuvres and hot tidbits which when sampled served to send one back for more.

The elegance and sparkle was reminiscent of an era seldom seen in this city.

It was a nostalgic night for many as black people and white caught each other's eyes and renewed friendships

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Commissioner George Albanese

Commissioner on Tour

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first introduction to New Community and Babyland's accomplishments was via a slide show which provided an overview of their activities.

Afterward, a visit to the Babyland classrooms allowed him to see the caregivers in action, feeding and changing the littlest ones, and he could not resist cuddling one of them. The ability of some of the other children to nap so easily after a hearty lunch brought admiration as he peered into the quiet rooms. The commissioner commented regretfully that parenting is never really taught and yet is of such vital importance to all concerned.

Upon his arrival at New Community Commons Seniors, Mrs. Margaret Garland proudly showed Albanese her lovely, comfortable and tidy apartment, filled with the mouth watering aroma of dinner in the making. She was obviously pleased with her independence. As we waited for the elevator on her floor, the healthy looking plants in the hall windows added a homey touch.

Aiding the elderly in their attempt to remain independent as long as possible is one of the commissioner's deep concerns. Such aid provides dignity to the person, is healthy economically and therefore of benefit to the taxpayers as well. The members of New Community Social Services Department, which he visited next, are also dedicated to helping other people care for their own lives. It had been pointed out earlier that the services which we provide are funded with money generated from our own housing, relieving the burden of government funded programs. New Community Social Services helps not only the elderly; but, all families in New Community.

A walk through a typical townhouse on Newton Street, home of Ms. Rosemary Chaneyfield, gave him a taste of New Community housing for families. Nicely decorated by Ms. Chaneyfield and the children, each bedroom was personalized by its occupant and provided a quiet area for them to use for studying or to enjoy some time to themselves. Ms. Chaneyfield particularly enjoys the spacious closets and the convenience



Ms. Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland Nursery, on tour with Commissioner of Department of Human Services George J. Albanese, discusses needs of the community as they leave N.C. Social Services Department.

of having her own laundryroom in the apartment.

Her living room door opened upon a grassy park area sprinkled with benches and playground equipment for the residents. The apartment radiated the pride and contentment of those living there.

A drive around the neighborhood then acquainted the commissioner with the site for the proposed nursing home as well as the existing health care center.

Upon reaching the tour's end at St. Joseph Plaza, Commissioner Albanese was provided with some insight into the creative use of existing buildings made by those at New Community. The former church will house medical offices and a first class restaurant and provide local employment in the process.

The creativity was something he could easily understand, since Albanese himself has taken a different approach to the Department of Human Services since his arrival.

As head of the largest department in state government, Albanese is responsible for administering a \$3 billion budget and providing social services to more than a million New Jersey residents. The department's responsibilities touch a wide spectrum of human needs as it administers seven mental health institutions, including a forensic psychiatric hospital, ten state schools for the mentally retarded, and two homes for disabled veterans in New Jersey.

Besides institutional services, the department provides community care in mental health, and mental retardation, as well as youth and family services, veterans assistance, welfare, medical assistance programs and aid to the blind.

Since his appointment to the post of commissioner of the Department of Human Services, he has approached his task from a businessman's perspective, streamlining the department and using increased managerial efficiency to generate additional sav-

ings which are then turned back into services.

An example of one of the new approaches he is using to provide added service is the training of welfare recipients in the homemaker field, which would allow them to provide a much needed service to others while being paid.

He is also in favor of trying to establish a working relationship with the private sector to provide support in areas of need. New Community social services department is an example of this kind of cooperation. Some people are already doing things to fill in gaps in service voluntarily while other services are being purchased by the government.

The elimination of inefficient practices which the commissioner is effecting, will greatly benefit the citizens of New Jersey served by his department.

Observing the attentive listening, the sincere questions and the concerned attitude exhibited by the commissioner as he journeyed through New Community and Babyland that day, one could sense his dedication to the task ahead and gain confidence from progress already realized.

Thanksgiving

Ancient people made merry on receiving a good harvest and honored the gods who fostered the crops. In Rome, the goddess was Ceres; when she visited earth the crops did well. The celebrated festival was called Cerealia from which comes our word "cereal." In ancient Greece the goddess was Demeter responsible for the soil and all that grew therein. In a religious rite worshippers purified themselves in the sea and then went in procession to Eleusis near Athens, Greece to celebrate the return of Demeter's daughter Persephone (Proserpina) for an abundant harvest.

In the middle ages there was the Feast of St. Martin of Tours called Martinmas which fell at the end of the harvest season when people throughout Europe celebrated with feasts and new wine. Roast goose was eaten on St. Martin's Day - "Martin's goose," they called it. And nothing must be drunk but "St. Martin's wine," the first wine made from the grapes of the recent harvest. Goose remained for a long time the traditional thanksgiving fowl until the Pilgrims feast back in 1621 when turkey became the fare as wild geese were not so plentiful.

Thanksgiving Day, a legal holiday, is a day set aside the fourth Thursday of November for people to give thanks for the blessings they may have received during the year. For the harvest of blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us, this Thanksgiving Day let all of us give thanks to the Lord.

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Main Library Adds Hours

The Newark Public Library, nearly one year after closing various departments in the evenings, has reopened its Education Division and Junior Room one night per week.

A one-third cut in personnel in October, 1982, forced drastic reductions in hours of service at the Library. Strong city of Newark funding, help from foundations and streamlined operations have resulted in stabilization and some re-hiring of key personnel.

"We are pleased to announce the reopening of our Junior Room on Wednesday evenings," said Thomas J. Alrutz, Library Director, "and with the Education Division also open on Wednesday evenings, we are gradually returning services in key areas."

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15 Years of Doing the 'Impossible' Celebrated

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emplary job as master of ceremonies and his staff took the audience back through the history of the two groups with a spectacular audio-visual presentation highlighting the efforts of the many people and groups present and showing graphically the results of these efforts.

Arthur L. Wilson, president of New Community Corporation gave the in-

Babyland Nursery thanked the Governor for all his support and to hold the night in his memory gave him a picture of himself with Fr. Wm. J. Linder and herself, taken as they had begun their journey of success 15 years ago. Ms. Smith commented in particular on the reaction of so many she had approached looking for help, who simply told her that women should not be working; they should be home, caring for their children. The reality she emphasized was that "so many of us were out there working had to work - and needed good child

which was read by Mr. Beck. In it he called the honorary planning committee member list a "Who's Who of leaders concerned with the human family" and praised whose who as Kahil Gibran wrote "give, and feel no

bigger." He outlined the plans to create 450 permanent jobs in the next two years in the Central Ward of Newark and cited the fact that they were "doing very well in getting it together mostly because a lot of people have come forward and helped." Future efforts which he spoke of were the planned nursing home adjacent to the N.C. Central Ward development area, the St. Joseph Plaza medical office building currently under renovation on West Market Street and the shopping center, so desperately needed in the area, which is in the planning stage.

"But none of the things will happen," he went on, "unless we have the help of all of you - people in government, kind of cutting through the bureaucracy and trying to make it work, the people of private business we need your know-how, we need to know how to do things and we need your help, we need your personal involvement in everything we do. I think if we all get together, government, business and the community, (I think) we can see this project of maybe the next two years, coming to a reality. And very frankly, then we'll start thinking of some more things, **bigger."**

Echoing the governors remarks about doing the impossible he reminded those present that "there's nothing we cannot achieve if we all do it together. We need each other and every one of you personally, very much."

Listening to the shared comments of the evening as it danced along, there are still many people strongly committed to Newark, to the philosophy of New Community and Babyland, and to the future.



Robert A. Beck

vocation and welcomed the friends gathered.

Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson in addressing the group commented on the fine audio-visual presentation which must have unearthed memories of his own involvement in New Community's infancy, when he was still a city engineer.

In her remarks that evening, Mary Smith, treasurer of New Community Corporation and executive director of



Governor Thomas H. Kean

care. Gov. Kean was one who listened and cared and understood."

Although former Governor and chief justice of New Jersey Richard J. Hughes could not be present, he sent a special message to Fr. Linder thanking him for the invitation,



Mayor Kenneth Gibson

pain in giving but only joy, and seek no credit." "My thanks," he closed, "as a citizen watching from the slow lane." Hughes was governor when New Community and Babyland began 15 years ago and his heart has always been with the two groups in support of their efforts. It was a nostalgic evening.

But for New Community and Babyland there is also much work in the future. The dreams mentioned by Governor Kean were addressed by Fr. Linder, who pointed out that they hadn't ended. "In fact," he told the people gathered, drawing laughter, "when you get there it kind of encourages you, and you dream a little



The Duke Ellington Band under the direction of Mercer Ellington brings a joyous element of big band classics to the evening's festivities.

Are You Going to that Ball?

This question echoed throughout Newark last week.

All over Newark people were preparing for the 15th Anniversary Ball. Excitement was high.

Gowns were chosen with great care as women visited their favorite stores — and shoes — they had to match. Or perhaps it was fabric being selected by those talented enough to make their own garment for the occasion.

Tuxedos were rented and cars were polished, and florists had orders galore.

New makeup was chosen and beauty salons buzzed, and preparations kept moving along.

Many of the merchants of Newark became aware of this activity and the impact it was having on business and frequently raised the question:

"Are you going to that Ball?"

Gala Ball Brings Sparkle

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cemented long ago in the hard work which had created the Anniversary Celebrants. There was laughter and updating of lives as these old friends met on this very special occasion.

John Turney asked for Father Kevin Ashe. They had worked together on the Berkeley Heights Junior Chamber of Commerce to get seed money for New Community's start. And George Marshall from

Newark looked as vibrant as ever as he talked about the Walk for Understanding which he and Dave Foley from Woodcliff Lake had led after the 1967 riots, and which had drawn some of the people who were at the ball that night into a working relationship with one another. Jeanne Gibbons of Short Hills had met Mary Smith, for instance, and out of Operation Housewives which they formed to discuss common problems had come recognition of a need — child care. Thus did Babyland Nursery begin — black and white working together — in peace — and love.

And so it went, as the 800 guests

wandered down to the rose and burgundy ballroom to share a meal and talk some more.

The Duke Ellington orchestra, big band style, added an upbeat note to the evening as dancing got underway.

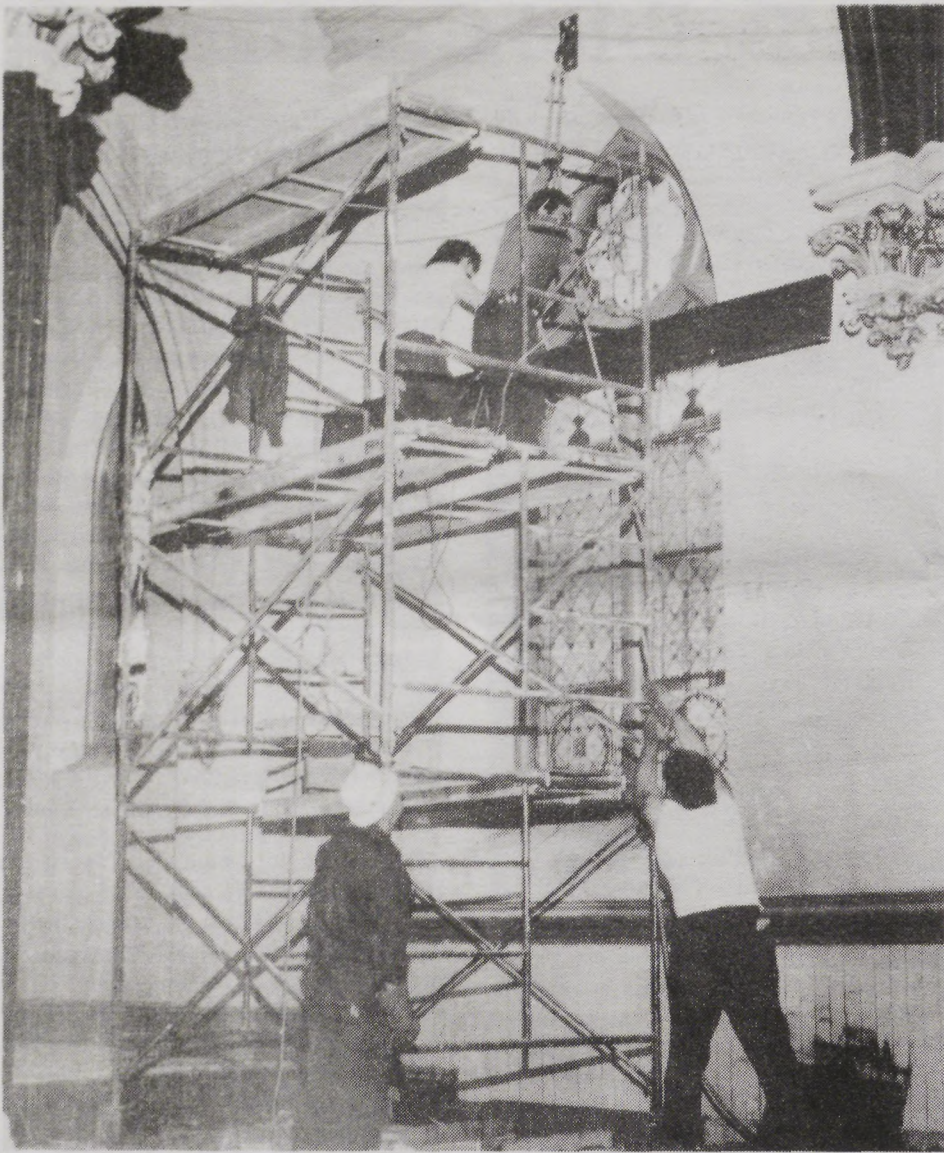
And to refresh memories a superb audio-visual display reviewed the marvelous success story of which all present could be proud — of Babyland, and New Community, and their tenuous start a mere 15 years ago in the City of Newark.

It was a time to enjoy and remember — and it was GOOD!

THANK YOU!

A very special thanks to our residents, employees, friends and business associates who helped us celebrate our fifteenth anniversary on the evening of October 21, 1983 at the Quality Inn. The presence of each of you helped to make this evening a very beautiful and memorable occasion. Again, we thank you for your support.

*Arthur Wilson, President
New Community Corporation*



PROGRESS AT ST. JOSEPH PLAZA. Interior work moves ahead as workmen secure beams to anchor second floor.

"The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was."

—Walt West



ZONING APPROVED FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITY. Part of the large turnout of NC tenants attending the hearing for a zoning variance at Newark Municipal Council Chambers.

Presenting Our Personnel

Charles Newbury-Man on the Scene

New Community Corporation has successfully completed housing worth 78 million dollars and Charles Newbury, construction manager for NCC, has been faithfully on the scene over the years to keep the machinery of these projects running smoothly.

Charlie entered the construction field as an apprentice following his separation from military service. He rose quickly to carpenter foreman, assistant superintendent and finally superintendent of construction for B.J. Builders of New Jersey, his initial employers. New Community Homes and New Community Associates were under his care while employed by this company.

In November of 1978 the rapid growth of New Community construction projects created a need for someone skilled in the construction field to represent NCC and to coordinate all facets of development, acting as liaison between trades, professionals and owners. As superintendent of construction for New Community Homes and New Community Associates his skills in the field had been most impressive.

Charlie was asked to take on the job "temporarily." He agreed, and is now permanently in place.

He is a patient man with a talent for negotiating with people and getting the job done smoothly and efficiently. His job is not without frustration at times, but Charlie seems to take life in stride, overcoming obstacles with a philosophical approach which puts them in proper perspective.

When Chelsea Construction Company, a minority, non-profit organization was formed as an affiliate to NCC, his responsibilities expanded to include overseeing their work. It was Chelsea that constructed Babyland III as well as renovating several homes on Humboldt Street.

"They were so good here," Charlie says of New Community, "everything was going so quick." He takes tremendous satisfaction in seeing people getting into decent homes, and

day-care, in his opinion, makes it worthwhile—releasing parents for dignified jobs versus welfare roles.

As he oversees the new St. Joseph Plaza, Charlie has had an opportunity to get feedback from passersby as they poke heads in, questioning the activity. Quite a few old parishioners have shared with him memories of being altar boys there or occasions marking the passage of major family events. Most are happy that the building will remain a part of the neighborhood scene, and not be destroyed.

He enjoys being part of the new



CHARLES NEWBURY

history of this beautiful building and he loves the job he is doing.

"People are the key" he told this reporter, speaking of those at New Community and others with whom he works, "they are a nice group of people."

I think they feel the same about Charlie.

Zoning Approved

On Tuesday evening, September 27, 1983 the Newark Municipal Council Chamber was filled to capacity when more than 300 of New Community's elderly residents attended a public hearing of the Newark Board of Adjustment. At issue was New Community's application for a zoning variance for the proposed Extended Health Care Facility for the Elderly to be built at 252-274 South Orange Avenue.

Ms. Lillian Simpson, a member of the Board of Adjustment, began the meeting by commending those in attendance for their interest in the Board's activities.

New Community's presentation was made by four individuals: Attorney Steven Hoskins of McCarter and English; Matthew Reilly, NCC Director of Development; Architect James DelGrosso of CUH2A; and Dale Kilpatrick, a real estate expert. After listening to all the testimony,

the Board members voted to unanimously approve New Community's application.

Following the meeting, Joseph Chaneyfield, NCC Vice President, commented on the importance of the large turn-out of NCC residents: "One of the great strengths of New Community has always been our ability to have our Board members, staff members and residents work together to achieve our common goals. It was important for the members of the Board of Adjustment to know that the neighborhood residents strongly support the proposed Extended Health Care Facility.

Tonight we saw hundreds of our residents exercising their citizenship rights and responsibilities in a very productive fashion. There isn't anything which New Community cannot accomplish if we all continue to work together and do what is needed when it is needed."

Culture and Art

Carlos Montoya in Concert Opens Performing Arts Center's First Season

Worth enjoying in the nearby area are the performances scheduled for the Park Theatre Performing Arts Center located in Union City, New Jersey.

Entering its 50th year it is expanding its horizons to include not only the Passion Play for which it is famous, but a full range of theatre, light opera, classical instrumental soloists, symphonic orchestras and more.

To celebrate the opening of the season, the legendary Flamenco guitarist, Carlos Montoya, joined conductor Thomas Michalak and the all new Cathedral Concert Orchestra for the October 22nd performance.

It was a most unusual evening of delightful Latin music as the concert orchestra began the program with arrangements by composers Alberto Ginastera, Manuel de Falla, Arthur Benjamin and Battista Calero-Monterde under Michalak's baton.

Following the orchestral selections, both Montoya and the Cathedral orchestra joined in a performance of an original piece called Suite Flamenca which was developed by Mr. Montoya over a twenty-five period. It contained a unique blend of the unwritten traditions of Flamenca with its synopated Gypst rhythms, and the written demands of the modern symphony orchestra.

The audience was captivated by the fiery swing of the guitar melting into the many voices of the fine orchestral accompaniment. It was indeed a difficult accomplishment executed most beautifully as the two parts picked up the mood and carried it to a dazzling finish, bringing the audience to its feet.

A series of intense, creative and exciting solos by Montoya completed the nights fare.

A personal touch was given to the evening by the presentation of a glowing birthday cake to Mr. Montoya, who is celebrating his 80th year, while the entire orchestra rendered its version of "Happy Birthday."

Fashioned in the style of an old German Music Hall, the Park Theatre has one of the largest stages in the metropolitan area, perfect acoustics, and unobstructed sightlines from all of its 1,350 seats as well as two gracious full service lounges. It also has one of the finest artistic seasons around.

Maestro Michalak and the Orchestra will return to the theatre to

join violinist, Shmuel Ashkenasi on November 13th at 8:00 p.m. Ashkenasi, 1st violinist of the famed Vermeer Quartet will perform Mozart's Violin Concerto #3 and Ravel's "Tzigane." The orchestra will perform works by Stravinsky, Prokofiev and Ibert, plus a world premiere piece by Michael Hoppe. Michalak and Orchestra are scheduled to appear two more times during the season, joining pianist, Arthur Moreira Lima on March 31 and cellist, Boris Pergemichnakov on May 12.

A series of Zarzuelas, (Light Operas), will begin in November on the 26th and 27th, when La Asociacion De Teatro Musical, (A.T.M.), presents, "Luisa Fernanda." The A.T.M. will then present a, "Zarzuela Gala," February 18, "La Revoltosa," April 28 and "La Verbena De Paloma," April 29.

The dramatical opening of the year will take place on December 9, with the theatrical presentation of Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol." Twelve performances of "A Christmas Carol" are scheduled through December 18. The nations longest running "Passion Play," will open its 70th consecutive season on March 17 and play every Saturday and Sunday afternoon through April 15.

Other classical programs this season include a recital by guitarist, Manuel Barrueco on January 28 and the American debut of Germany's Regensburg Cathedral Boys' Choir on May 5.

The Park Theatre Performing Arts Center, 560-32 St., Union City, N.J. 07087, is located at the Gateway to Mid-Town Manhattan, minutes from the Lincoln Tunnel and less than 5 minutes from the Apex of the Jersey Turnpike, Route 3 and Route 1-9. Free parking is abundant and very near the Theatre.

Season subscriptions and individual tickets are available through the box office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and are reasonably priced with special rates available for seniors, students and groups. Reservations are accepted in person, by mail or by phone. (201) 865-6980.

New Jersey has much to offer in the performing arts and the Park Theatre in its new format is a welcome addition.

Children's Program at Library Features Perez and Martina

The Newark Public Library will sponsor a live theatrical performance on Saturday, November 19, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium, 4th floor.

The well-known Puerto Rican folk tale, Perez and Martina will be performed by Caryl Green and the Happy Time Players. The "players" are trained to elicit audience participation and children become involved in

the excitement.

This program, as well as all other children's shows and films, are funded by a grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The program is offered to the general public FREE of charge. Seating is on a first come basis.

For more information, call the Library at (201) 733-7800.

PARK THEATRE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S 1983-84 SEASON

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Sun., 13th 8 p.m.

Shmuel Ashkenasi &
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Luisa Fernanda (Zarzuela)
Luisa Fernanda (Zarzuela)

Sat., 26th 8 p.m.

Sun., 27th 3 p.m.

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Fri., 9th 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Sat., 10th 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Sun., 11th 3 p.m.

Wed., 14th 1 p.m.

Thu., 15th 1 p.m.

Fri., 16th 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Sat., 17th 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Sun., 18th 3 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

JANUARY

Sat., 28th 8 p.m.

Manuel Barrueco

FEBRUARY

Sat., 18th 8 p.m.

Zarzuela Gala

MARCH

Sat., 17th 2:30 p.m.

Sun., 18th 2:30 p.m.

Sat., 24th, 2:30 p.m.

Sun., 25th, 2:30 p.m.

Sat., 31st, 2:30 p.m.

Sat., 31st 8 p.m.

The Passion Play

Arthur Moreira Lima &
Cathedral Concert Orchestra

APRIL

Sun., 1st 2:30 p.m.

Sat., 7th 2:30 p.m.

Sun., 8th 2:30 p.m.

Sat., 14th 2:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Sun., 15th 2:30 p.m.

Sat., 28th 8 p.m.

Sun., 29th 3 p.m.

The Passion Play

La Revoltosa (Zarzuela)
La Verbena De Paloma (Zarzuela)

MAY

Sat., 5th 8 p.m.

Sat., 12th 8 p.m.

Regensburg Cathedral Boys Choir -
Boris Pergemichnakow
Cathedral Concert Orchestra

Newark Museum News Notes

Our premiere fall exhibition, *Japan: The Enduring Heritage*, showcases over 100 Newark Museum masterworks dating from the ninth to the nineteenth centuries. On view are screen paintings; lacquer and



ceramics used as palace furnishings by the aristocracy; samurai arms and armor; ink scrolls created by Buddhist monks; prints and porcelains made for the merchant class and a selection of costumes and masks used in the Noh theatre.

The earliest and most important piece is a dramatic ninth century wooden sculpture of *Zocho ten*, the

"Guardian of the South," a protector against enemies of Buddhism. Other religious works created for use within temples include a hanging scroll of the great Japanese patriarch *Chigo Daishi*, who at the age of five is said to have conversed with the deities while sitting on a lotus blossom.

Luxurious objects were commissioned by the aristocracy to satisfy their love of decorations and beauty. Of special note is a striking nineteenth-century calligraphy screen by the famous literati poet and painter from Kyoto, Rai Sanyo, and a seventeenth-century hanging scroll by Sosetsu, depicting brilliantly hued summer flowers on luminous paper. Textiles include a *Koshimaki* robe embroidered in silk and gold-wrapped thread with the "Three Friends" theme of pine, flowering plum and bamboo.

Another highly refined art form patronized by court and samurai noblemen was the Noh theatre. Featured is a sumptuous brocade robe with a contrasting surface design of stylized chrysanthemums set against a background pattern of checks. Selections from the popular Kabuki theater include souvenir prints showing famous actors in their roles.

Japan: The Enduring Heritage will run through January 23, 1984. Gallery talk by Valrae Reynolds, Curator of the Oriental Collections, will be given on November 20, at 2:00 p.m.



Gala Ball Sparkles

An Evening to be Remembered





Too Much, Too Fast, Too Soon

Child professionals state that they rarely see today what once was so common, namely, spoiled children. Most of these children were shaped by attitudes and child-rearing practices very different from what is common among contemporary parents. They remained children too long, were largely undisciplined, and since they were not called upon to control themselves, they used their behavior to control adults.

Since the late 1960's child professionals have written about the dangers of introducing formal instruction in reading before children have the requisite mental abilities. They have also written about "curriculum-disabled" children who become "disabled" by unteachable and unlearnable curriculum materials. What they finally realized was that they were no longer dealing with spoiled children. Instead they were dealing with children who seemed to have **too much pressure to achieve, to succeed, and to please** — a new pressure to hurry and grow up. Pushed in their early years toward many different types of achievement and exposed to experiences that tax their adaptive capacity, hurried children grow up too fast. Spoiled children were stressed by the fear of their own power and now, hurried children are stressed by the fear of failure — of not achieving high enough or fast enough. Setting and breaking records has become a national obsession. This is apparent in the ways pressure is put on children to accelerate their development. Many current psychologists have stated that many of today's children are victims of pressures to grow up too quickly, to be successful at all costs, to cope with increasing demands for academic and athletic achievements, and to survive in environments that are based on factory product models.

Today, we even want our children to **look** like adults. Even preschoolers are wearing miniature versions of adult clothing. There was a time when clothing signaled adults that children were to be treated differently, even indulgently. It made it easier for them to act as children. Now, they are hurried into adulthood. Their adaptive capacity is taxed by the many different types of achievement toward which we are pushing them, and the experiences to which we are exposing them.

In the area of academic achievement, children are pressured to succeed at all costs at any age. There is no place for the "late bloomers," those who come into their own later in life rather than earlier. Many parents refuse to have their children repeat or be retained in kindergarten, despite all of the evidence that this is the best possible time to retain a child.

Recent studies of children who have been held back or who repeat kindergarten found that the parents involved were pleased with the result. The children had a chance to catch up at their own speed.

Another area in which parents hurry children is that of reading at an early age. Psychologists tell us that this reflects parental need not the children's needs or inclinations. Although some children gravitate to

reading early by seeking out books & adults to read to them, these children seem to learn to read on their own with little fuss or bother. Studies by David Elkind, a well-known and highly respected child psychologist, found that only 1 to 3 children in 100 read proficiently (at second grade level) on entrance to kindergarten. Although reading is not a spontaneous or simple skill, he states that the majority of children can learn to read with ease if they are not hurried into it.

There are other studies which suggest that children confronted with the task of learning to read before they have the requisite mental abilities can develop long-term learning difficulties.

Let us remember that, although children should be taught basic academic concepts, they need to be given an opportunity for pure play as well as for work. Basically, play is nature's way of dealing with stress for children. Parents can help by providing creative playthings which allow for the child's personal expression. True education is not limited to special skills or concepts. Much of it is spontaneous, an outgrowth of openness and curiosity.

Finally, we must see childhood as a stage of life. When we hurry children into adulthood we violate the sanctity of life by giving one period priority over another. To really value human life we must value each period equally and give each stage that which is appropriate to it. David Elkind states "we should appreciate the values of childhood with its own special joys, sorrows, worries, and concerns. But valuing childhood does not mean seeing it as a happy innocent period, but rather as an important period of life to which children are entitled. It is their right to be children, to enjoy the pleasures, to suffer the trials, of childhood that is infringed upon by hurrying. In the end childhood is the most basic human right of children."

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP
Education Consultant



CHAMPION BIB MAKER. Caregiver Grace Bowman whisking up a few baby bibs on her lunch hour.

The care given to its tiny charges by the staff of Babyland I goes beyond the ordinary. They tend to the physical and emotional needs of the children during working hours and in off hours such as lunch periods and Saturdays, busily whip up bibs and sheets for the comfort of the little

This section will be devoted to questions and answers on health. Please mail your questions to the New Community Clarion, 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.



**Soledad Alston
R.N.
Pediatric
Nurse
Practitioner**

Question:

I love meats, especially beef and pork, but now I have to give up pork because I must lose weight in order to get my blood pressure down. Will that help?

Answer:

There is no question that losing excessive weight lowers the blood pressure. However, the big misconception here is that beef is not as fat as pork. Look at the figures below taken from Home and Gardens Bulletin No. 72 published by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Roast beef 3 oz. - 85 Gm - 375 Calories
34 Gm fat
Roast beef 3 oz. 85 Gm - 310 Calories
24 Gm fat

Sirloin steak 3 oz. - 85 Gm - 330
Calories 27 Gm fat
Pork chop - 3.5 oz. - 98 Gm - 260
Calories 21 Gm fat

As they say, figures don't lie unless they are feminine figures. So there really is no need to make any further comments.

Babyland I

Ready For Halloween

Halloween is almost here again and Halloween decorations made by staff and children can be seen all over the center of Babyland I. The children are very excited about this coming event.

On Monday, October 31st, children will be engaged in a Halloween party and will be given nutritious Halloween treats to take home.

Babyland I's first parent meeting for the year was held Wed., Oct. 12th. Discussion centered around formation of a formal Parent Association Organization in November, with officers and fund raisings. It is hoped that at the next meeting, to be held on November 16th, many more parents will be in attendance.

Phyllis Rogers, Coordinator of Day Care, also addressed the group on "Quality Time With Your Child."

Ruth Darlington
Teacher Babyland I

Babyland II

The children at the center enjoyed a Halloween party, all dressed up in their homemade costumes and the staff participated in dress-up also. To all our parents, thank you for the halloween goodies.

Now that we are in the Thanksgiving spirit of things at the Center, the children are making Thanksgiving cards for their parents, and are decorating the center with turkeys and a collage of food they want to eat for Thanksgiving. We will have a Thanksgiving lunch of turkey with all the trimmings which will be prepared by our kitchen staff, and for which we will sit down dressed in Indian head bands and pilgrim hats.

The two and three year olds learned a Thanksgiving poem to recite to their family for the occasion.

*Chicken rice and gravy
Sweet potatoe pie
My mommy said my tummy
is bigger than my eye!*

Happy Thanksgiving to all,
from Babyland II staff

New Community Associates

On September 30th the 180 Senior Citizen Organization held a double headed affair. There was a birthday party for those celebrating in the months of July, Aug. and September, and a dinner for the handicapped. Love and good food was shed abroad for all who attended to enjoy. Dinners were also taken to the shut-ins who couldn't come to the community room. Sharing is caring.

Looking forward: On Wednesday, December 14th, a Christmas Party and dinner will be held at Town and Country Restaurant in West Orange, sponsored by the Newark Office on Aging. Transportation will be provided. For information please call Mrs. Maude Jones or Phyllis Burton.

N.C. Health Care Center Now Served By United Hospitals



NCC WELCOMES ABOARD UNITED HOSPITALS. In center of photo NCC President Art Wilson greets Dr. Denis Nunez of United Hospitals as Health Care Center opens with a new look. At left in photo is Joy Daniels on the administration staff of United Hospitals, while Sister Anastasia Hearne S.S.J. is on right.

United Hospitals Medical Center is now providing health care services at the New Community Health Care Center located at 210 South Orange Avenue. Physicians on staff at United Hospitals will maintain regularly scheduled office hours to provide primary medical care to NCC members and to the residents of Newark.

"Our goal is to offer accessible health services to individuals and families who don't have a doctor," said James R. Cowan, M.D., hospital president. "This satellite facility will make it easier for people to receive the medical care they need." He explained that many people who do not have a family doctor often use hospital emergency rooms for non-emergency illnesses. With quality medical care available through NCC and United Hospitals, he expects to see more appropriate use of emergency rooms.

The NCC medical facility is comprised of two examining rooms, a small treatment room, a doctor's office and a waiting room. Prevention, early detection and health education are key components in the health care program. The family practitioner will be able to manage the majority of his clients but consultations will be

available for those patients who may need to see a specialist.

United Hospitals is uniquely qualified to provide NCC with health care because it is actually four hospitals in one. It is comprised of one general hospital and three specialty hospitals. The Presbyterian Hospital provides general medical and surgical services for adults. Children's Hospital of New Jersey, the state's only acute care facility for pediatric patients, is a complete diagnostic and treatment center and provides services in all subspecialty areas. The Newark Eye and Ear Infirmary is the only hospital in the state which is exclusively dedicated to managing diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. United Hospitals Orthopedic Center for children and adults, is one of the oldest specialty hospitals in New Jersey. All of these specialty services are available to NCC through its satellite program with United Hospitals.

In addition to making health care more accessible to the Newark Community, this satellite program provides scheduled appointments to reduce the time patients must wait. Walk in patients may be seen if there is an appropriate opening in the schedule and financial consideration

Spirometry - Pulmonary Diagnostic Tool



Spirometry is derived from the Greek words Spiro (to breathe) and Meter (to measure). The purpose of spirometry is to assess one's lung condition.

It is a simple test which requires one to take a deep breath and then to exhale air into a tube. The test results are recorded by the machine - and depending upon the results, the doctor will be able to determine the condition of one's pulmonary function.

The main use of spirometry tests is the early detection of pulmonary disease which will aid in the clinical

diagnosis and management of those with pulmonary disorders.

This test is recommended for:

- (1) Those with known or suspected cardiopulmonary disease
- (2) Those over 40 years of age
- (3) Smokers
- (4) Those exposed to air pollutants
- (5) Those with a history of respiratory disorders i.e., (asthma, pneumonia, influenza)
- (6) Those who complain of chronic cough, sputum, and shortness of breath

is available to those in need. As a satellite of United Hospitals, the NCC facility is subject to the same guidelines as a hospital. This includes quality assurance reviews on a regular basis.

A unique feature in the relation-

ship between UHMC and NCC will be the establishment of a health forum. Its purpose will be to assess NCC client complaints and suggestions as well as to assess client health care needs and to develop appropriate educational programs.



ATTENTION ALL TENANTS NCC Health Care Center

We Have A New Look.
We also have a new telephone number.

623-2480

Transportation to NCC Health Care Center will be provided for your convenience.

Please call for an appointment.

If you have any questions call Social Services
623-6114



St. Rose of Lima School Adds New Teachers

New this year to the faculty of St. Rose of Lima School are Mrs. Monica Wright, Mr. Laureano (Larry) Jamon, and Mr. Gabriel Musilu who teach second, seventh and sixth grades respectively. Each comes to St. Rose's with a great diversity of backgrounds and interests, that students can truly reap a wealth of knowledge from them not readily available to the average student.

Mrs. Wright holds a bachelor degree in psychology (child development) from Rutgers University in Newark, with a minor in mathematics and music. Born in Washington, D.C., she was raised in Liberia, West Africa, where she met her husband, Manfred, and participated in a foreign student exchange program which enabled her to graduate from Branham High School in San Jose, California. At first, she pursued a career in pediatric medicine while attending San Francisco State University, but realized after two years that it was not medicine that was her greatest desire, but child development. With this new direction, she changed her major and transferred to Rutgers University in Newark during her junior year of college, graduating in May of 1980. She felt very strongly that if she could learn what makes children behave as they do, maybe she could better assist youngsters in areas of learning ability and problem solving.

Mrs. Wright has involved herself in several volunteer areas such as day care and private tutoring. She is an assistant director of the Babyland after-school-program at St. Rose's.

"I enjoy very much working here at St. Rose's", said Mrs. Wright recently, "and I'm especially happy with the warm relationships I've developed among the staff. I do hope this is the start of a very bright future for me, inasmuch as my ultimate goal is to return someday to Liberia and start my own schools, a recreation center and finally open an orphanage for children in deprived areas who desperately hunger for an education."

Before joining the staff at St. Rose's she taught at St. Columba School in



FLAVOR FROM AROUND THE WORLD. New teachers for St. Rose of Lima School gather around the globe in the library discussing their native lands. Left to right, Laureano L. Jamon Jr. from the Philippines; Monica A. Wright, born in the US and raised in Liberia, W. Africa; and Gabriel M. Musilu native of Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.

Newark, and spent two years in the School of Prime Systems in Liberia, West Africa, in grades three and five.

Mrs. Wright and her husband have two children, Manfred Daniel, age 4, and Michelle Deronica, age 2½ who is currently enrolled in Babyland III.

Mr. Jamon, a native of the Philippines, is a recent immigrant to the United States, and brings with him an immense background of notable accomplishments, both professionally as well as socially. His greatest challenge at present, he admits, is adjusting to the American approach to education as he instructs today's youth.

His curriculum vitae is like Who's Who in education, after serving some

thirty-one years in the teaching profession. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in education from Notre Dame University, Cotabato City, Philippines, in 1957, with an English major and a mathematics minor with honors. He, when completing his Master of Arts in psychology, graduated magna cum laude at Ramon Magsaysay Memorial College, Tacuron, Sulton Kudarat, Philippines. Among his educational experiences are high school instructor, college instructor, Principal - Our Lady of Peace High School, Educational Consultant, and Unit Director at the College of Agriculture and Fisheries affiliated with Mindanao State University, Malabang, Philippines.

In addition to his profession in education he is a farmer and

businessman. He is the owner of a coconut and coffee business in his home town of Malabang, which his son manages in his absence.

Married to Epifania Temblabor, Mr. Jamon has three children — Maria Leonora, a registered nurse, Laureano Jr., a zoologist and medical student, and Luis Justino, a graduate of San Beda College in business management.

Mr. Jamon is a resident of the Roseville community and finds working at St. Rose's a happy and rewarding experience.

An aspiring doctoral candidate of business, Mr. Musilu is the newest of the trio to join St. Rose's staff. His objective is to become a professor of accounting, finance and business statistics. A native of Nairobi, Kenya in Africa he came to the United States in January of 1978 to further his studies. He completed both his Bachelor of Science in accounting and his masters in business from Seton Hall University.

At present he teaches business statistics, algebra, and calculus at Seton Hall University evening division and mathematics at Montclair Adult School. His work experiences in his related field have been as book-keeper for several local businesses and as graduate assistant at Seton Hall University in the research section of the Equal Opportunity Program at the University. He is a member of the Tax Aid Service, Inc. (TASI) and volunteers to prepare tax returns for low income residents of local communities.

St. Rose's offers a great challenge to him, he would admit, because today's youth lack many mathematic skills necessary for successful careers in business. Trained in computer sciences, Mr. Musilu will introduce students to this component of today's business world and oversee also the implementation of this science into our everyday curriculum.

The experience brought to the school by these teachers will certainly provide a challenge to students as well as a broad spectrum of information to which they will be exposed.



RECEIVE SENIOR CITIZEN CHARTER. Members of the newly formed 1 South 8th Street Club of the National Council of Senior Citizens happily display certificate. Left to right, Mary Williams, treasurer; Illa Barnes, vice-president; Frances Pharms, president; Louise Nicklow, secretary. Not there when photo was taken were Phyllis Williams, assistant secretary; Mattie Harris, Chaplain and James Mitchell, Sgt. at Arms.

N.C. Roseville Report

One South 8th Street Senior Club received their National Council Charter from Washington, D.C. on Friday, October 7, 1983. It was presented by Mr. Philip Orlando - Director of the National Council of Senior Citizens. Council representative Ms. Mary King introduced the new officers: Frances Pharms, President; Illa Barnes, Vice-President; Louise Nicklow, Secretary; Phyllis Williams, Assistant Secretary; Mary Williams, Treasurer; Mattie Harris, Chaplain; and James Mitchell, Sgt. at Arms.

Special guest speaker was Councilman Ronald Rice. He joined us in the program, gave a very warm speech, and enjoyed a dinner along with us. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Mary Clements. Hostesses were Evelyn Massenburg & Bessie Mae Austin.

An enjoyable evening featuring the

senior choir from Shilou Baptist Church was on the bill for all.

Congratulations club members, congratulations!

Sad News

I personally regret having to report the passing of Mr. Cazzie King at St. Barnabas Hospital, never recovering from a coma, the result of injuries suffered in an accidental car fire in September.

If you remember, in the September issue of the Clarion, Roseville featured Mr. & Mrs. King at the NCC Block Party when the inseparable couple celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

He is survived by his devoted wife Edith.

A well known always jovial socializing neighbor in Roseville, we were all hoping for his recovery, but the choice was not ours. He will be greatly missed.

R. Steve Perkins

NEWTON STREET SCHOOL

Big Pro At Newton

Darryl Dawkins of the New Jersey Nets made a personal appearance before a crowded auditorium of Newton Street School students. Big "D" told the children that he thanked God for giving him the ability to play basketball and that he intended to use the money he earned to help his family enjoy a good life. After his playing days are over, Darryl said, he intends to buy a radio station and help children. During the question and answer period the children learned that Darryl was single, six feet 11 inches tall and wore a size 14 sneaker. Darryl advised the children to take their schooling seriously and have good attendance. He then posed for pictures with some of the students and faculty.

The visit was arranged by Mr. Minichino, eighth grade teacher, who obviously has tall friends in high places. It is rumored that the Nets are scouting Mr. Minichino who was a former standing guard.

November Closings

Parents should be alerted that schools will be closed on November 7th through the 11th. This is an opportunity to arrange some educational trips to the libraries and museums in the area. Parents may wish to follow a routine of home study (an hour per day) so that the children don't lose the habit of learning. An hour of reading each day would be time well spent.

Be sure you discuss safety with your children. Drivers will not be aware that children may be crossing the street during normal school hours. Be particularly careful of the younger children.

Open House

Newton Street School had its annual Open House community activity on October 6, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. The parent response was one of the largest on record. Over 400 visitors circulated about the building visiting the thirty-five classrooms.

Mr. Willie Thomas, principal of Newton Street School, welcomed the parents at the orientation meeting held in the auditorium. He briefly outlined the program of the evening

before sending the parents to the various rooms to see the children's work.

The evening ended in the auditorium where the parents enjoyed a libation of punch and a snack of cookies.



WITH SOME VERY LARGE COMPANY. Susan Jackson, on the left and Roberta Singletary on the right, both school clerks at Newton Street School, surround Darryl Dawkins of the N.J. Nets on his recent visit to the school.

P.T.O. Membership Drive

Newton Street School is launching its annual membership drive for the Parents-Teachers Organization. All parents are urged to participate in their school-community organization. It is an opportunity for parents to express their views about the school and the community. The membership fee is \$1.00 per family for the entire year.

The next P.T.O. meeting will be held Thursday, December 8th at 1 p.m.

New Member For Maintenance Staff

Linda Studivant is a native of Newark and a recent graduate of the Essex County College of Business where she majored in bookkeeping and accounting.

She recently joined the New Community Maintenance Department with duties including secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping.

Her 5 year old daughter Nakya is a Kindergartner at St. Rose of Lima School and attends the after-school program as well. Linda was worried about Nakya's reaction when she first left her, upon starting her job with New Community, but finds now that Nakya doesn't want to leave when she arrives to take her home. "Everything is working out well for me," she said enthusiastically.



Linda Studivant

At Your (Social) Service

NCC Seeks Approval As A City Nutritional Site

Until recently one of Newark's 14 nutritional sites for senior citizens was located across South Orange Avenue, at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry. However, due to a number of internal problems the site had to be closed. In October, New Community applied to the city, the program administrator and, in turn, to the funding source, Essex County, to request that New Community Associates be designated as a replacement for the hospital site that had been closed.

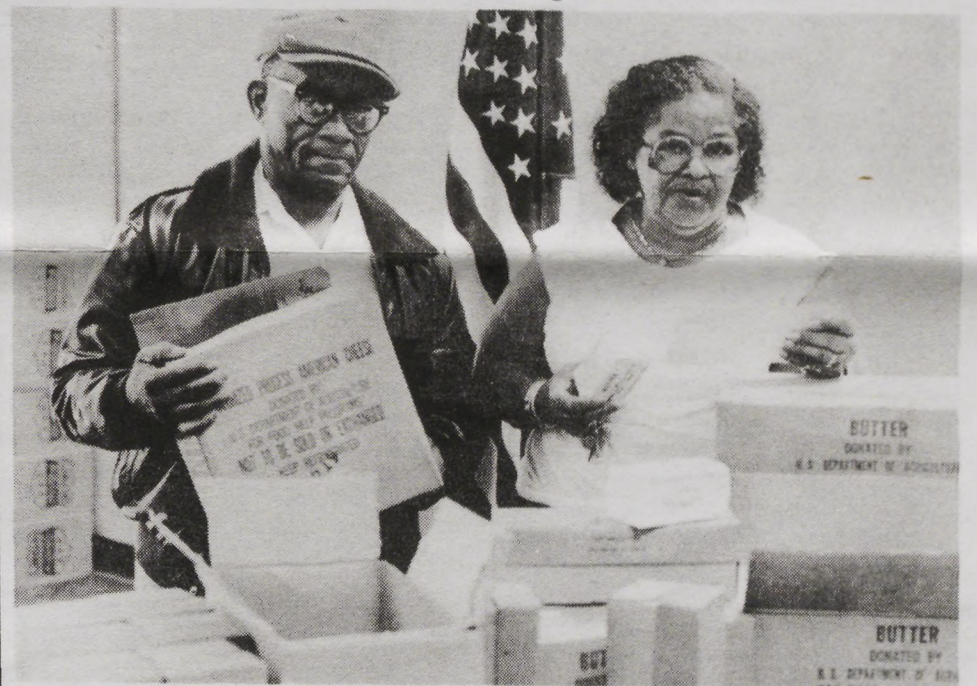
The rationale that NCC used in making this request was that, in our community, there is a critical need for this program which is not being met with the presently existing nutritional sites. The NCC Board of Directors feels that such a site is crucial to the well being of the elderly, and would provide a much needed service to them. **Very often, the hot meal provided by the program represents the difference between a frail elderly person living independently in the community, and that same person being institutionalized in a nursing home or other facility.**

The statistics regarding the elder-

ly population in the community bear out the NCC Board's concern. Based on the 1980 census approximately 4,300 persons sixty years and older live within ½ mile of N.C. Associates. There are some 2000 senior citizens living in NCC housing, of which approximately 700 live within one block of N.C. Associates. These 700 seniors live at 180 South Orange Ave. (N.C. Associates), 140 South Orange Avenue (N.C. Commons) and 265 Morris Ave. (N.C. Gardens). In addition, in these three buildings alone, there are some 70 persons who are physically disabled and 30 who are shut ins.

It is because of these figures that Mr. Philip Orlando, Director of the Newark Office on Aging responded to NCC's request and recommended to Essex County that N.C. Associates be designated as a nutritional site.

The final decision as to whether or not a nutritional site will be established at NCC rests with the Essex County Division on Aging. They are now considering the request, and will announce their decision in the coming month. We will certainly keep you informed regarding this decision.



Cheese and Butter Distribution

On Thursday, October 27th almost twelve tons of USDA butter and cheese was distributed to the tenants of New Community. What might seem to be an enormous undertaking was accomplished with remarkable speed and ease, due to the excellent working relationship of tenants and the staffs of NCC Social Services and Maintenance Department.

It all began at about 8 a.m. as a convoy of four vans and a U-Haul truck made their way up Route 280 toward the U.S. Armory in West Orange. By 10:30 a.m. the convoy started back to New Community loaded down with 23,600 pounds of cheese and butter.

Back at New Community in each of the senior buildings, the head of the floor captains kept a vigil waiting for the first signs of the trucks. By 11 a.m. the vans began to arrive and deliver their goods to each building's community room. Once the transfer was completed, the announcement went out over the building's intercom requesting that the floor captains come to the community room. Each

floor captain, with push cart or basket in hand, came to the community room and received a supply of butter and cheese for each tenant on their floor. By one o'clock most of the butter and cheese had been distributed to the seniors.

At 4 p.m. the distribution took place for the NCC family units and at NCC Douglass-Harrison.

In both cases the tenants were asked to come either to the Gardens Pavillion or, in the case of Douglass-Harrison, to the basement room at 51 Somerset Street. Once again, everything went like clockwork and by 7 p.m. almost all of the butter and cheese had been distributed.

Ordinarily the distribution of cheese and butter is not considered an exciting undertaking yet, for the people of New Community it represented a working together of hundreds of generous volunteers and NCC's hard working staff. Working together we can move mountains even if these mountains are made of butter and cheese.

LOOKING TO SPRINGTIME



KEEPING US BEAUTIFUL. Newton Richards, member of NC Board of Directors chats with maintenance crew planting some of the new shrubs around the NC Commons family buildings.

In preparation for springtime, NCC Maintenance and Forcellati Brothers Landscaping have gone on a planting spree. This activity is actually part of a long range "beautification program" which was started several years ago.

The maintenance department has fertilized the grass on all NCC properties three times this fall and plans to increase the coverage next year to five times throughout the spring and fall. Maintenance is now in the process of laying 3600 square feet of sod to cover bare spots in areas of heavy traffic. Two hundred and fifty barberry bushes are now being planted.

Forcellati Brothers arrived at New Community on Oct. 19th to begin planting over 600 additional trees and bushes. This includes shade

trees, and ornamental flowering trees such as crabapple, cherry, yellow and red dogwood, and others. In the shrub category viburnum, rhododendron, azaleas, arborvitae and hawthorn are being planted.

This is a major effort involving many people and many thousands of dollars. Money for purchasing and planting alone will not necessarily lead to success. Success depends on three elements; commitment of NCC, weather, and commitment of residents. NCC has committed money and manpower, if the weather won't cooperate NCC will pick up the slack by watering. Only residents can provide the third element. This is your home, please treat the grass, bushes, and trees gently, as your own. Let's look forward with anticipation to a beautiful spring and remember to "Be Nice To Mother Nature."

Commons Seniors

The Planning Committee for the Gala Ball from Commons Senior accomplished its goal of financing costs of sending 20 people to the ball by providing special meal services to "140" and surrounding areas. Breakfast was served of hot fish, hot rolls and hot grits. A second hot breakfast was served the second week consisting of rolls, beef or pork sausage, grits and eggs. Dinner for a leisurely weekend or lunch was also on the agenda. This meal included fish, chicken, cornbread, salads, pickled beets, cake, macaroni and cheese, ham, baked chicken and dressing, etc. It was beautiful to see our marvelous ladies and men work in the kitchen, shop, deliver breakfast or lunch and every job necessary to accomplish their task.

The mornings were bustling with serving the many who enjoyed a delicious early morning treat. There were no time lags. Lunch was being ordered. There were no boring restless waiting times. Busy, busy, busy, was the order of the day on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Chairperson was Mrs. Rosa Rivers, and her committee consisted of: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Simpson, Ms. Viola Walker, Ms. Dawson, Mrs. Cheeks, Ms. Irene Carr, Ms. Z. Johnson, and Ms. B. Harris. Thanks also to the helping hands and donations by Mrs. Connie Wise, Ms. A. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Barfield, Mr. W. Louis, Mrs. M. Garland, Ms. G. Bass and Mr. H. Nealy. Thanks also to our guards, Mr. Cheeks and others who helped in any way. Thanks to our gracious Manager, Mrs. M. Wilson, whose assistance was invaluable. It is impossible to mention each person by name who contributed but we will say to every individual "thank you."

Gospel Choir

Ms. Zera Brown, director, and Ms. Sandifer, President of the 140 Gospel Choir, are asking every one to join them and the choir in a day of relaxation and dinner which will be held on Nov. 5th, in the community room. News letters will be delivered to all buildings and posted on the bulletin board. Each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. join the choir and become a part

of these beautiful persons who lift their voices in praise.

The 140 Choir

Mrs. Marion Simpson, President of the 140 Club has been elected Vice President of the Social Services Dept. Advisory Board. We here at Commons Senior are very proud of her, and know she will expend her energies to accomplish all that is good for us and NCC Seniors. The 140 Club meetings are held every 1st Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the community room.

The 140 Garden Club

Every third Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. members of the garden club meet in the community room. Mrs. M. Buggs has been elected President, Ms. H. Lewis, Secretary, and Ms. Z. Johnson, Treasurer. The club is looking forward to growth and a chance in 1984 of entering the contest of urban gardening. Can you help us?

Bingo

Please come and enjoy an evening of Bingo with your neighbors every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sewing Club

Ms. Mamie Boddie, Director of the 140 Sewing Club meets with tenants every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The afternoons are filled with activity -- sewing, cutting garments, cutting and sewing quilt pieces. Pleasant conversations and laughter add up to a pleasant way to spend a day. Join your neighbors. All are welcomed.

Arts & Crafts

Ms. Julia James, Director, and her Arts and Craft group will be holding their Annual Sale in November. New items will be available for your gift needs and personal pleasure. Join us on Mondays and Fridays in the Community Room at 1:00 p.m. Please look for information which will be posted.

Ruby M.J. Dawson



GOLD BROOM WINNERS. East Ward Councilman Henry Martinez (in center) congratulates Golden Johnson, Cornelia Ford, Sarah Mayse and Dorothy Curry of the Douglas Garden Club.

Douglas Garden Club Wins Honors



Extra, Extra, read all about it! The Douglas Garden Club has done it again. This is the 3rd time they were up before the judges to receive an award.

The Gold Broom Award was presented to the Douglas Garden Club, also known as the Hill Street Gardens, by the Newark Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of the beautifying contribution made to the City of Newark, as well as their display of good citizenship in helping make Newark a cleaner city. This citation was given by Richard A. Cross, Public Service Electric and Gas Co. executive who heads the "Love Newark, Keep it Clean" com-

mittee of the Newark Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Henry Martinez of the East Ward who was also present helped choose the winners.

The awards are given about six times a year to those who demonstrate by their actions a serious concern for the "Love Newark, Keep it Clean" philosophy. The outstandingly beautiful gardens and grounds at N.C. Douglas certainly deserved to be so honored.

Those attending the ceremonies for Douglas at the International Palace were Mrs. Cornelia Ford, Mrs. Sarah Mayse, Mrs. Golden Johnson and Mrs. Dorothy Curry.